

Thomas Mulford – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Thomas Mulford was the first Mulford in Eastham. He had the earliest (1677) and the most Eastham land records of the Mulfords who appear in the land records. His son John born in Eastham in 1672 also had significant land records. Thomas married Hannah who died in 1718. She was described as a widow in 1711 so Thomas must have died before 1711. Thomas was active in Town affairs as he was chosen constable in 1677.

1677

Granted to Thomas Mulford all the wood and brush growing on the land between his land at the Great Neck and the bank side and the beach. PDF P38.

1682

Granted to Thomas Mulford, Josiah Cooke, Joseph Harding and William Walker the grapevine swamp lying on the seaside beyond land of Josiah Cooke provided they clear it within six years. PDF P45.

1695

Thomas Mulford complained that some of the boundary markers for the land where he lived were decayed or lost. By mutual consent between Mulford and James Mayo who owned adjoining land new bounds were set with stones marked "TM". The land was near Herring Pond and the little pond. PDF A251, M250, M251, S72.

Thomas Mulford complained that part of his twenty acres at Little Billingsgate was taken away when the boundary between Eastham and the Pamet Purchasers was established. Thomas Paine and Samuel Knowles were appointed by the Town to lay out new land for Mulford to replace the land taken away. Mulford was granted about ten acres at the end of Bound Brook Island next to his other land to replace the lost land. PDF A224, M29, M30, P68.

1696

Granted to Thomas Mulford six acres of meadow and two acres of upland at Little Billingsgate at the head of Bound Brook Island. This land was next to the boundary between Eastham and the land of the Pamet Purchasers and next to Mulford's other land. PDF A257, A258, M260, S77, S78.

1702

Bounds of a parcel of meadow and sedge ground at Great Meadow were settled with the Town by John Mulford in behalf of Thomas Mulford. This land was near the Mulford house (John's house?) and near the harbor and adjoined land of Joseph Harding. PDF M138.

1703

Granted to Thomas Mulford and John Mulford a parcel of land at Great Meadow near the mouth of the meadow. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about two acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A129, M183, M184, S81, S82.

Granted to Thomas Mulford and his heirs the fourteenth lot at Great Meadow between lots of Abia Harding, Josiah Harding and Caleb Cooke. The size of the lot was not given in the record but probably it was about two acres. PDF A205, M120, S99.

Granted to Thomas Mulford one and one-half acres at the eastern end of Bound Brook Island near a creek and near lots owned by Robert Wixam and heirs of Thomas Paine. PDF M31.

1711

Granted to widow Hannah Mulford four acres northward of the Grapevine Swamp next to the lot of Joseph Snow and next to the beach. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. This land was for her benefit and enjoyment during her natural life or widowhood but at her death or marriage the land was to return again to the Town. PDF T183.

The Eastham land owned by Thomas Mulford or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about forty acres. By 1745 four more Mulfords received Eastham land grants.